

**Amendment to the Specification:**

- Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 on page 3 to the following:

In one preferred arrangement, a mixing tube is configured to seat a tailing end of the thermostatic element, ~~while~~while a leading end of the thermostatic element is arranged to contact a portion of the piston. The adjustment mechanism may include a thread arrangement formed on the periphery of the mixing tube which is arranged to engage with a thread formed in the sidewall of the mixing chamber. Such a thread arrangement enables the mixing tube's positioning within the mixing chamber to be adjusted relative to the piston by rotating the mixing tube.

- Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 9 to the following:

If the thermostatic element 26 continues to expand despite the increase of cold fluid into the mixing chamber 24, the piston 22 can continue to move within the bore of the valve body 12 by virtue of a sliding engagement of an inner peripheral wall 22d of the piston 22 with a peripheral portion 44a of the member 44. The peripheral portion 44a of the valve member 44 is an elongate portion that extends in the direction of the movement of the piston 22. It will thus be appreciated by those skilled in the art that this arrangement of the piston 22 and elongate portion of the member 44 provides a "slide through" hot seat configuration. By virtue of this "slide through" hot seat configuration, continued expansion of the thermostatic element 26 can be accommodated to a limited degree without damage to the valve 10.